**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday May #1**

**May 2, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Creation - God created out of nothing.**

**Emphasis: God made the world. God created everything, and it was good!**

**Bible Background:** Before God created the world, there was nothing at all - except God.  The world was void, dark, chaotic and there was nothing in the world. Then God said let there be light.  God began making the world, the heavens and the earth with light and life.  God took seven days of intentional commands to create our amazing world.  Each time God created it was beautiful and good. God wanted to create a world of love and grace. God created an amazing diverse world.  On the seventh day God said, Yea! it was finished.  God was so happy with God’s creation.

Genesis has two creation stories written by two different tribes of people who told stories of creation orally that were passed down from generation to generation.   Then they wrote down their creation stories and those stories became the first and second chapters of Genesis. Each story has God creating out of nothing and lifting up God’s creation as good.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Creation: Page 3-7 When you read out of the Spark Bible the story of Creation. I encourage you to ask your child to help you make the sounds that are written!  (NRSV Bible Genesis 1 and 2 (focus Genesis 1: 1-31, 2:1-3)

**Questions:**

1. What was the world like before God started to create it? **(It was dark and empty,here** **was nothing except God)**

1. What is your favorite thing that God created? **(Share your favorite part of God’s world...mountains,oceans,trees, flowers,etc…)**

1. If you could create something what would it be? **(Think outside box! and share with your child)**

1. What did God create on the first day?  (**God created wind to blow over the earth, God created light and darkness to make day and night. It was the first day and it was good.)**

**Activity: Nature or garden walk.** Go on a walk around your garden or in your neighborhood. You may want to go to the garden at Esperanza Church. It is spring and things are growing.  New life is happening! There are many signs of life outdoors.  As a family go on a nature hunt and search for things that remind you of God’s amazing and diverse creation. Use the “Nature Walk Bag” that is in your envelope to bring a few things of  nature inside so you can be reminded that God loves God's creation.

**Emphasize: God created the world out of nothing and made it something! God made the world amazing and good.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for creating our beautiful earth.  Help us to care for your creation everyday.  We love you. Amen